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PARIS FOR MELONE

1. I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER DJERMAKOYE APRIL 10 WHICH WAS AS SOON AS I COULD GET TO HIM AFTER CEAO MEETING TO DISCUSS WORK OF LOME MEDIATION COMMISSION AND MALI-UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF CEAO SUMMIT MEETING DEVELOPMENTS. DRAWING ON REFTEL, I SAID THAT US WAS NATURALLY CONCERNED ABOUT PRESENT CONFRONTATION AND ITS POTENTIAL FOR HOSTILITIES AND THAT WE HAD TRIED TO ASSIST MEDIATION EFFORT BY MAINTAINING AN EMBARGO ON ARMS DELIVERIES TO BOTH SIDES. IN THIS CONTEXT WE VALUED COMMENTS OF GON AS MEMBER OF LOME COMMISSION ON STATUS OF MEDIATION EFFORTS.

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2. DJERMAKOYE'S RESPONSE WAS ESSENTIALLY A PRESENTATION WHICH TENDED TO ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE IN A GENERALLY BLEAK SITUATION. HE UNDERLINED SIGNIFICANCE OF PRESENCE AT CEAO SUMMIT OF BOTH LAMIZANA AND TRAORE. THIS WAS PROGRESS AND WAS FIRST TIME BOTH HAD BEEN WILLING TO COME TOGETHER FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. IT WAS TRUE THAT TWO LEADERS WERE UNEASY AT THE RARE PUBLIC APPEARANCES CONNECTED WITH THE CEAO PROCEEDINGS AND THEY HAD NOT WANTED TO BREAK BREAD TOGETHER AT THE ONE OFFICIAL LUNCHEON THAT WAS SCHEDULED (AND WAS THEREFORE CANCELLED) BUT DJERMAKOYE TOOK SOME SATISFACTION IN THE FACT THEY HAD MET, TALKED AND WORKED TOGETHER PRIVATELY FOR TWO DAYS WITH OTHER CHIEFS OF STATE. IF THEY COULD BE BROUGHT TOGETHER ON REGIONAL ECONOMIC MATTERS, IN DAYS AHEAD DISCUSSION COULD HOPEFULLY BE BROADENED TO INCLUDE ISSUES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

3. DJERMAKOYE NOTED THAT PARAGRAPHS IN COMMUNIQUE ABOUT MALIAN OFFICIALS WORKING AT CEAO IN OUAGADOUGOU (REF NIAMEY 1344) HAD NOT HELPED MATTERS. IT WAS AN UNFORTUNATE DEVELOPMENT. WHAT HAD HAPPENED WAS THAT TRAORE HAD INSISTED ON INCLUDING THIS LANGUAGE IN COMMUNIQUE. NONE OF CHIEFS OF STATE HAD SEEN FIT TO TAKE HIM ON AND LAMIZANA, ISOLATED, HAD BEEN FORCED TO ACQUIESCE OR WALK OUT WHICH HE DID NOT WANT TO DO.

4. NOTWITHSTANDING THIS SOUR NOTE, DJERMAKOYE CONSIDERED CEAO MEETING A SUCCESS AND PRESENCE OF LAMIZANA AND TRAORE AT IT AS POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT WHICH COULD CONTRIBUTE TO LOWERING OF TEMPERATURES BETWEEN THEM.

5. AS FOR STATUS OF MEDIATION COMMISSION'S EFFORTS, DJERMAKOYE SAID HE WAS LEAVING APRIL 11 FOR LOME TO ATTEND MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETING OF COMMISSION CALLED BY ITS PRESIDENT. AFTER HEARING REPORT ON RECENT ACTIVITIES OF COMMISSION, DJERMAKOYE SAID HE AND HIS MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATES PLANNED TO GO TO BAMAKO AND OUAGADOUGOU TO CONTINUE MEDIATION EFFORT. HE ADDED THAT AT THIS POINT HE EXPECTED MALI MIGHT BE MORE CONFIDENTIAL

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INCLINED TO DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION. MALI HAD PLAYED ITS MILITARY CARD LAST DECEMBER WHEN IT HAD ATTACKED UPPER VOLTA. COMMENT: HE USED WORD "ATTACK" SEVERAL TIMES DURING CONVERSATION. END COMMENT. IT WOULD NOW BE MORE AMENABLE TO DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION. ON THE OTHER HAND UPPER VOLTA WHICH HAD BEEN ARMING "FURIOUSLY" IN LAST FEW MONTHS HAD NOT ACHIEVED MUCH SUCCESS IN DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AND MIGHT WELL PLAY ITS MILITARY CARD

BEFORE RAINS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THIS AS SERIOUS PROBLEM
WHICH MADE MORE URGENT AND IMPORTANT FORTHCOMING
VISIT OF COMMISSION TO BOTH CAPITALS.

6. COMMENT: FROM GENERAL TNOR OF DJERMAKOYE'S REMARKS
ABOUT CEAO SUMMIT, I CONCLUDED THAT WHILE CONFERENCE
ACHIEVED ITS GENERAL OBJECTIVES LITTLE OR NO PROGRESS
WAS MADE BY CHIEFS OF STATE IN SETTLING MALI-UPPER
VOLTAN DIFFERENCES. END COMMENT.HECK

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